

# West Lancashire Footpath Group



**Newsletter 158    March -.April 2021**

## Chairman's Comments

Greetings from the Committee to all members. We hope you have been well and we are all eagerly looking forward to the relaxing of the covid restrictions. We hope to be allowed to resume our **walks programme** soon, probably with a national start date of April 12th. Walks will probably be on a restricted basis according to the previous Ramblers guidelines. As 'organised physical activities' we should be exempt from the 'rule of six' restrictions on social gatherings. If you wish to join a walk, you must book a place with the leader, there will be a limited number of walkers on each walk, and walkers must follow social distancing guidelines. We welcome non-members who wish to try our walks but, for the time being, we will be unable to offer the 'Canal & Countryside' walks which have been very popular with the public.

## Communications with Members

The walks programme will in future be separate from the newsletter. In the past preparing the walks and the newsletter has been time-consuming and during the lockdown and relaxation we wanted to be able to notify you of walks and cancellations more quickly. Following the practice now being introduced by the Ramblers, the walks programme will in future be sent to members by email and posted on the website. Some members may feel disadvantaged by this, so if you do not have an email address and cannot access the website (or persuade a friend or relative to do so) then please let a member of the committee know and we will make a special arrangement for you. We now have a Facebook page entitled 'West Lancashire Footpath Group'.

Peter Fletcher

## Rambles Secretary

We have prepared a programme of walks for April to June. Many thanks to the leaders, who not only lead the walk but also recce it, sometimes more than once if conditions are unfavourable. At the moment the starting points for the walks are not being published: this information will be given by the leader when you book a place.

Ann Robinson

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Website Manager No changes since last Newsletter.

### Membership Secretary

We currently have 34 paid up members for this year. Because we had to suspend the walking programme, last year's membership was extended until the end of December 2020. We very much hope you will continue your membership into 2021. You may have already paid for this year, or wish to do so now, either by bank transfer (Sort Code 77-57-01; A/C 30569560; ref: your name) or by cheque (West Lancashire Footpath Group, c/o 2 Greystokes, Aughton L39 5HE). The rate will continue at £5 for a single member, £10 for a household. I hope you agree that this is very good value. Gift-aiding your subscription helps us to remain solvent. If you are not currently gift-aiding and you or your partner pays tax please consider making a gift-aid declaration. This is of course entirely voluntary.

### Election of Committee

The current committee members have agreed to continue in post and as there have been no objections and no other nominations: they are deemed to have been re-elected. Other members can be co-opted if any volunteers are forthcoming.

### Committee Contact Numbers

|                              |                                     |               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Peter Fletcher               | Chairman and Footpath Inspector     | 01704 542661  |
| <b>Post currently vacant</b> | Secretary                           |               |
| Ann Robinson                 | Rambles Secretary                   | 01695 571303  |
| John Partington              | Membership & Gift Aid Secretary     | 01695 421408  |
| Karen Jennings               | Treasurer                           | 01695 570349  |
| Doreen Bird                  | Footpath Inspector                  | 0151 526 5625 |
| Roger Eastham                | Footpath Inspector                  | 01695 576227  |
| Tommy Wadkin                 | Footpath Inspector &<br>Maintenance | 01695 735785  |

Footpath Inspectors.. No changes since last Newsletter.

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## West Lancashire Footpath Group Rambles 2021

| <b>Date</b>                          | <b>Walk Leader</b> | <b>Where and phone number</b>   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| <b>APRIL 2021</b>                    |                    |   |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup><br>1.00pm | Geoff              | BURSCOUGH (07719 889210)  |
| <b>MAY 2021</b>                      |                    |   |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup><br>1.00pm     | Tommy              | SKELMERDALE (07765 016961)  |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup><br>1.00pm | Karen & Dennis     | A Different BURSCOUGH AREA<br>(07383 105920)  |
| <b>JUNE 2021</b>                     |                    |   |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup><br>1.00pm    | Gwen               | HASKAYNE (07719 889210)   |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup><br>7.00pm | Ann                | PARBOLD (07443 533354)<br>We are not doing the Canal &<br>Countryside Walks his year, but will try<br>a couple of evening walks for<br>Members. |

**All** rambles are approximately 5 miles and easy/moderate rating.

Website: [www.westlancashirefootpathgroup.org.uk](http://www.westlancashirefootpathgroup.org.uk)

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Ann has set up a 'Facebook' page, West Lancashire Footpath Group, Please post photos from your walks and possibly details of other walks that you have found and 'like' the page so that we know it works.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon